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# NASIS 2015

## Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey

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***We need your help to learn about how  
Nebraskans think, feel, and live.***

***Researchers from the University of Nebraska and  
across the state are counting on your help to learn about a variety of issues.  
Your responses will help shape program and policy development  
in Nebraska now and into the future.***

## Life in Nebraska

**1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with living in Nebraska?**

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

**2. All in all, do you think things in Nebraska are generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?**

- ☐ Right direction
- ☐ Wrong direction
- ☐ Unsure

**3. All in all, do you think things in the country as a whole are generally headed in the right direction or wrong direction?**

- ☐ Right direction
- ☐ Wrong direction
- ☐ Unsure

## Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

**4. How urgent are water quantity issues in Nebraska?**

- ☐ Extremely urgent
- ☐ Urgent
- ☐ Somewhat urgent
- ☐ Not very urgent
- ☐ Not at all urgent
- ☐ Don't know

**5. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources?**

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Neither familiar nor unfamiliar
- ☐ Somewhat unfamiliar
- ☐ Very unfamiliar

**6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *I have confidence in the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to responsibly manage Nebraska's water.***

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

**7. Have you experienced water shortages or water use restrictions in the last 4 years?**

- ☐ Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm
- ☐ Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm
- ☐ No

**8. Have you experienced problems with flooding from a stream or river in the last 4 years?**

- ☐ Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm
- ☐ Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm
- ☐ No

**9. How confident are you that your region is prepared to handle an extended drought?**

- ☐ Extremely confident
- ☐ Confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not very confident
- ☐ Not at all confident
- ☐ Don't know

**10. How confident are you that your region is prepared to handle a flood?**

- ☐ Extremely confident
- ☐ Confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not very confident
- ☐ Not at all confident
- ☐ Don't know

**11. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way regional planning balances water supplies and uses?**

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied
- ☐ Don't know

**12. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with Nebraska's locally-driven, state-supported water planning process led by local Natural Resources Districts and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources?**

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Neither familiar nor unfamiliar
- ☐ Somewhat unfamiliar
- ☐ Very unfamiliar

**13. How interested are you in learning more about Nebraska's water planning process led by your local Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources?**

- ☐ Extremely interested
- ☐ Interested
- ☐ Somewhat interested
- ☐ Not very interested
- ☐ Not at all interested

## 4-H, Youth and Community

**For the next set of questions, please think about the youth who live in your community.**

**14. Overall, how committed are youth in your community to making positive community contributions?**

- ☐ Very committed
- ☐ Somewhat committed
- ☐ Slightly committed
- ☐ Not at all committed
- ☐ Don't know

**15. Overall, how committed are youth in your community to creating positive futures for themselves?**

- ☐ Very committed
- ☐ Somewhat committed
- ☐ Slightly committed
- ☐ Not at all committed
- ☐ Don't know

**16. How many youths in your community have positive role models in their lives?**

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Few
- ☐ Very few
- ☐ Don't know

**17. Who are the role models youth have in your community? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ Parents
- ☐ Family members other than parents
- ☐ Teachers/coaches
- ☐ Club leaders
- ☐ Police officers

**18. How would you describe the opportunities for positive community involvement available to youth in your community?**

- ☐ Very adequate opportunities
- ☐ Somewhat adequate opportunities
- ☐ Somewhat inadequate opportunities
- ☐ Very inadequate opportunities
- ☐ Don't know

**19. How many youths in your community participate in positive community involvement?**

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Few
- ☐ Very few
- ☐ Don't know

**20. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with your local 4-H program?**

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Somewhat unfamiliar
- ☐ Very unfamiliar

**21. How involved is your local 4-H program in partnerships with other youth programs and educational services in your community?**

- ☐ Very involved
- ☐ Somewhat involved
- ☐ Not very involved
- ☐ Not at all involved
- ☐ Don't know

**22. How valuable do you believe the 4-H program is for youths in your community?**

- ☐ Very valuable
- ☐ Somewhat valuable
- ☐ Not very valuable
- ☐ Not at all valuable
- ☐ Don't Know

**23. Are any of the following programs available in your community for youth?**

	Yes	No	Don't Know
a. Athletic Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. After-school clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Youth clubs/organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Other, specify:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. In your opinion, how important is it to have the following programs available for youth?

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important
a. Athletic Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. After-school clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Youth clubs/organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Other, specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Science Opinions

25. How curious are you about the world?

- ☐ Very curious
- ☐ Somewhat curious
- ☐ A little curious
- ☐ Not curious at all

26. How much do you think you are a science kind of person?

- ☐ I am totally a science kind of person
- ☐ I am somewhat of a science kind of person
- ☐ I am a little bit of a science kind of person
- ☐ I am not a science kind of person at all

27. How much do you like science?

- ☐ I like it a lot
- ☐ I like it some
- ☐ I like it a little
- ☐ I do not like it at all

28. How much does science help you make decisions that affect your body?

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Don't know

## Vaccines and Health

29. How important do you think it is that children be vaccinated?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ A little important
- ☐ Not at all important

30. If all children were to receive vaccines, what option best describes the result?

- ☐ Fewer people will get sick
- ☐ The same number of people will get sick
- ☐ More people will get sick
- ☐ Don't know

31. When a child receives the measles vaccine, what option best describes the result?

- ☐ The vaccine protects the child's health
- ☐ The vaccine harms the child's health
- ☐ The vaccine doesn't make much difference to the child's health
- ☐ Don't know

32. All things considered, how much do you trust your regular doctor whom you consult for most of your health care needs?

- ☐ I trust my doctor a lot
- ☐ I trust my doctor some
- ☐ I trust my doctor a little
- ☐ I do not trust my doctor at all
- ☐ I do not have a regular doctor

33. How much do you worry about getting a "life threatening" disease that can spread?

- ☐ I worry a lot
- ☐ I worry some
- ☐ I worry a little
- ☐ I do not worry at all

34. How interested are you in learning more about gut microbes and human health?

- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Somewhat interested
- ☐ A little interested
- ☐ Not at all interested

35. How interested are you in learning more about genetically engineered foods and human health?

- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Somewhat interested
- ☐ A little interested
- ☐ Not at all interested

36. How interested are you in learning more about vaccines and human health?

- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Somewhat interested
- ☐ A little interested
- ☐ Not at all interested

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## Gay and Lesbian Issues

40. How would you describe your feelings toward gay men and lesbians?

- ☐ Very favorable
- ☐ Favorable
- ☐ Neither favorable nor unfavorable
- ☐ Unfavorable
- ☐ Very unfavorable

41. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to legally marry?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Favor civil unions only
- ☐ Oppose

42. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

43. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men and lesbians from housing discrimination?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

44. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men and lesbians from job discrimination?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

45. How often would you say you talk to your family members, relatives, neighbors, coworkers, or close friends about gay and lesbian issues?

- ☐ Very often
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never

46. Have you heard or read about the June 2015 Supreme Court ruling concerning same-sex marriage?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

47. In June 2015, the Supreme Court ruled that gay and lesbian couples can legally marry in all states. How well do you think the Supreme Court's decision reflects what the majority of Americans think about same-sex marriage?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

48. How well do you think the Supreme Court's decision reflects what the majority of Nebraskans think about same-sex marriage?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

49. Do you favor or oppose laws that allow business owners to deny services to gay men or lesbians based on the owner's religious beliefs?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

50. Why do you favor or oppose laws that allow business owners to deny services to gay men or lesbians based on the owner's religious beliefs?

## Criminal Justice System

51. Do you think the rate of crime in the United States seems to be increasing, about the same, or decreasing?

- ☐ Increasing
- ☐ About the same
- ☐ Decreasing

52. Do you think the rate of crime in your area seems to be increasing, about the same, or decreasing?

- ☐ Increasing
- ☐ About the same
- ☐ Decreasing

53. How angry do you feel when you think about crime in this country?

- ☐ Very angry
- ☐ Fairly angry
- ☐ Somewhat angry
- ☐ Not at all angry

54. How angry do you feel when you think about crime in your community?

- ☐ Very angry
- ☐ Fairly angry
- ☐ Somewhat angry
- ☐ Not at all angry

**55. How confident are you that:**

	Not at all confident	Somewhat confident	Mostly confident	Very confident
a. The criminal justice system can reduce crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The criminal justice system can reduce drug use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The police can protect you from violent crimes like assault	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. The police can protect you from property crimes like theft	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**56. How fair is the justice system in its:**

	Not at all fair	Somewhat fair	Mostly fair	Very fair
a. Treatment of people accused of committing crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Treatment of people victimized by crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Use of prison sentences for people found guilty of committing a crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Use of the death penalty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**57. How often do you personally worry about:**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Almost always
a. Walking alone at night	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Being the victim of identity theft	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Your residence being broken into	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Getting robbed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Being raped or sexually attacked	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Getting murdered	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Someone in my family becoming a victim of a crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

58. We are interested in knowing how often people read the newspaper and watch different kinds of TV programs. How many days in an average week do you:

[illegible]



**59. How reliable is:**

	Not all all reliable	Somewhat reliable	Mostly reliable	Very reliable
a. The media as a source of information about crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The government as a source of information about crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**60. If you could choose between the following approaches, which do you think is the best penalty for murder?**

- ☐ Death penalty
- ☐ Life in prison without the possibility of parole
- ☐ Prison with the possibility of parole
- ☐ Unsure/Do not want to answer

## About Your Household

**61. Please indicate if each of the following statements is true or false.**

	True	False
a. There are 25 or more books in your home right now.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. There is a variety of magazines and other reading materials in your home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**62. Have you or has anyone in your household ever attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**63. Have you, or has a person close to you, been a victim of any crime in the last 12 months?**

	Yes	No
a. You	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. A person close to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**64. What is your current marital or relationship status?**

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Married, living apart
- ☐ Not married, but living with a partner (cohabiting)
- ☐ Never married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Separated

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**65. Does your spouse or partner typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ Working full-time (35 hours or more)
- ☐ Working part-time
- ☐ Has a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, strike)
- ☐ Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ In school
- ☐ Keeping house
- ☐ Disabled
- ☐ Other, specify:

**66. Including yourself, how many adults age 19 and older live in your household?**

adults (age 19 and older)

**67. How many children ages:**  
(Please write "0" if none.)

- a. 5 and younger live in your household?
- b. 6 to 12 live in your household?
- c. 13 to 18 live in your household?

**68. Were you born in Nebraska, another state, or a foreign country?**

- ☐ Nebraska
- ☐ Another state
- ☐ Foreign country

**69. Are you still living in the same residence as you were 2 years ago?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**70. Do you live on a farm, in open country but not on a farm, or in a town or city?**

- ☐ Farm
- ☐ Open country, but not a farm
- ☐ Town or city

**71. How many years have you lived in this Nebraska county? (Please enter "0" if less than 1 year.)**

year(s)

**72. Do you or some member of your household own your home outright, buying it, or renting?**

- ☐ Own outright
- ☐ Buying (paying a mortgage)
- ☐ Renting
- ☐ Provided as part of job/wages
- ☐ Other, specify:

**73. Which of the following comes closest to the kind of housing unit you now live in?**

- ☐ Detached single family house
- ☐ Mobile home
- ☐ Townhouse/Condominium
- ☐ Apartment/Duplex
- ☐ Other, specify:

## Finances

**74. Please indicate the category that describes your total family income in the last 12 months.**

- ☐ Under \$5,000
- ☐ \$5,000 to \$9,999
- ☐ \$10,000 to \$14,999
- ☐ \$15,000 to \$19,999
- ☐ \$20,000 to \$24,999
- ☐ \$25,000 to \$29,999
- ☐ \$30,000 to \$39,999
- ☐ \$40,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$59,999
- ☐ \$60,000 to \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 or more

**75. During the past 12 months, how much difficulty have you had paying your bills?**

- ☐ A great deal of difficulty
- ☐ Quite a bit of difficulty
- ☐ Some difficulty
- ☐ A little difficulty
- ☐ No difficulty at all

**76. Think again over the past 12 months. Generally, at the end of each month did you end up with:**

- ☐ More than enough money left
- ☐ Some money left over
- ☐ Just enough to make ends meet
- ☐ Almost enough to make ends meet
- ☐ Not enough to make ends meet

**77. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your current financial situation?**

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

**78. What about your financial prospects? Do you feel that you are better off this year than you were two years ago at this time, about the same, or worse off?**

- ☐ Better
- ☐ Same
- ☐ Worse

**The following statements concern your family's financial situation. For each statement, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.**

**79. My family has enough money to afford the kind of home we need.**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

**80. We have enough money to afford the kind of clothing we need.**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

**81. We have enough money to afford the kind of food we need.**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
  
- ☐ Don't know

**82. We have enough money to afford the kind of medical care we need.**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
  
- ☐ Don't know

### Personal Feelings

**83. Now we have some statements about how you might have felt during the past week. Below, please indicate the number of days in the past week, including today, that:**

- a. You felt sad.  days (0-7)
- b. You felt hopeful about the future.  days (0-7)
- c. You felt you were as good as other people.  days (0-7)
- d. You felt bothered by things that usually don't bother you.  days (0-7)
- e. You felt lonely.  days (0-7)
- f. You had trouble keeping your mind on what you were doing.  days (0-7)
- g. You felt that everything you did was an effort.  days (0-7)
- h. You felt fearful.  days (0-7)
- i. You talked less than usual.  days (0-7)
- j. You felt depressed.  days (0-7)
- k. You did not feel like eating; your appetite was poor.  days (0-7)
- l. You felt that you could not shake off the blues even with the help of family or friends.  days (0-7)
- m. Your sleep was restless.  days (0-7)
- n. You could not get "going."  days (0-7)

### About Yourself

**84. Are you:**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

**85. Do you think of yourself as:**

- ☐ Heterosexual/straight
- ☐ Homosexual/gay or lesbian
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Something else
- ☐ Not sure

**86. As far as you know, are any of your immediate family members, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or close friends, gay, lesbian, or bisexual?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**87. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino/a?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**88. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ White (Caucasian)
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other specify:

**89. Would you say that your overall health and well-being is excellent, good, fair or poor?**

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

**90. Do you smoke cigarettes?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**91. With regard to the English language, how well do you understand it when it is spoken to you?**

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

**92. With regard to the English language, how well do you read it?**

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

**93. With regard to the English language, how well do you write it?**

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

**94. What is the highest degree you have attained?**

- ☐ No diploma
- ☐ High School Diploma/GED
- ☐ Some college, but no degree
- ☐ Technical/Associate/Junior College (2 yr, LPN)
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree (4 yr, BA, BS, RN)
- ☐ Graduate Degree (Masters, PhD, Law, Medicine)

**95. Do you typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ Working full-time (35 hours or more)
- ☐ Working part-time
- ☐ Have a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, strike)
- ☐ Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ In school
- ☐ Keeping house
- ☐ Disabled
- ☐ Other, specify:

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**96. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your job?**

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

**97. During the average week, how many hours do you usually work, NOT including the time to you travel to and from work? (In the box below, write the total hours worked including any second jobs.)**

average total hours per week

**98. In general, how would you describe your political views?**

- ☐ Very liberal
- ☐ Liberal
- ☐ Middle-of-the-road
- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Very conservative
- ☐ Other, specify:

**99. In general, what do you consider yourself politically?**

- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Other, specify:

**100. Who did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential Election?**

- ☐ Obama
- ☐ Romney
- ☐ Other, Specify:
- ☐ Did not vote

**101. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, or something else?**

- ☐ Protestant
- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ None (no religion)
- ☐ Other, specify:

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**102. Within the Protestant faith, do you consider yourself to be:**

- ☐ Evangelical
- ☐ Fundamentalist Protestant
- ☐ Mainline Protestant
- ☐ Liberal Protestant
- ☐ Other, Specify:

**103. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**104. How often do you attend religious services?**

- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Nearly every week
- ☐ About once a month
- ☐ Several times a year
- ☐ About once a year
- ☐ Less than once a year
- ☐ Never

**105. In general, how much do your religious or spiritual beliefs influence your daily life?**

- ☐ Very much
- ☐ Quite a bit
- ☐ Some
- ☐ A little
- ☐ None
  
- ☐ Doesn't apply, not religious or spiritual

**106. In what year were you born?**

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**107. What is your current zip code?**

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**108. Please use the space below to provide any comments or feedback.**

## Thank you!

That completes our questions. We greatly appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey. For your convenience, please use the postage-paid return envelope included in your survey packet to return your questionnaire to the Bureau of Sociological Research.

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